

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 4 Reed Street

Historic Name Miller House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1910

Source Directories, List of Persons

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboard, wood shingle

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1990 - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 12,570 SF

Setting mixed residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) January 2000

BUILDING FORM (4 Reed Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

A simple and late example of the Queen Anne style, 4 Reed Street displays a common division of building materials with wood clapboards sheathing the first floor and wood shingles above, including the closed front gable decorated by cornice returns. The 2 1/2-story, front gabled, 2 x 2-bay house is set above a fieldstone foundation and is capped by an asphalt-shingled roof with a brick ridge chimney. The gablefront is spanned by a single-story, two-bay porch supported by turned posts with jigsawn brackets. The posts are set above a wooden deck with a latticed airspace and are spanned by simple stick balusters with balled newel posts. The sidehall entrance retains a glass-and-panel door. Adjacent is a pair of 2/1 windows. The second floor of the facade has an additional pair of 2/1 windows with an individual window above the entrance and lighting the front gable. In addition to the predominant 2/1 sash, there is a stained glass window on the second floor of the west elevation and a three-sided, single-story bay window at the rear of the east elevation.

Offset to the southwest is a two-story, c.1990, gablefront addition which is also sheathed in a combination of clapboards and wood shingles. A driveway extends along the east side of the house leading to a three-car garage at the rear. The c.1930 building is clapboarded and capped by a hip roof. Two of the original openings have been filled with overhead garage doors but a single set of hinged double-doors with upper glass lights over lower panels remains.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house appears to have been constructed for members of the Miller family in the early 20th century. Directories and town lists indicate that Matthew and Wallace Miller were living on Bedford Street at that time. The first directory listing for the two families at 4 Reed Street appears in the 1918 directory. Matthew James Miller was employed as a clerk while Wallace Miller worked as a bookkeeper. The two families, consisting of Matthew Miller and his wife, Jean, and Wallace Miller and his wife, Florence, continued to live here into the 1940s. Florence and Walter Miller were living here in 1950 and Florence Miller continued to live here until 1991.

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